
SENATE BILL No. 472

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2; 6IC 16-21-8.

Synopsis: Services to sex crime victims. Increases from 48 to 96 hours the time a victim of a sex crime who is at least 18 years of age has to report the crime to qualify for reimbursement for emergency medical services. Provides that a victim less than 18 years of age must report a sex crime to child protective services or a law enforcement officer to qualify for reimbursement, but the action is not subject to any time requirements in doing so. Requires the victim services division of the criminal justice institute to make prompt decisions on applications for reimbursement for emergency services provided to victims of sex crimes. Provides that the provider of services to a victim of a sex crime may seek reimbursement from the victim's insurance provider if the victim's services division denies a claim for reimbursement for services provided to a victim of a sex crime.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-97 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 97. "Division" means
3 the following:

4 (1) For purposes of IC 16-21-8, the meaning set forth in
5 IC 16-21-8-0.5.

6 (†) (2) For purposes of IC 16-22-8, the meaning set forth in
7 IC 16-22-8-3.

8 (‡) (3) For purposes of IC 16-27, a group of individuals under the
9 supervision of the director within the state department assigned
10 the responsibility of implementing IC 16-27.

11 (⊕) (4) For purposes of IC 16-28, a group of individuals under the
12 supervision of the director within the state department assigned
13 the responsibility of implementing IC 16-28.

14 (⦿) (5) For purposes of IC 16-41-40, the meaning set forth in
15 IC 16-41-40-1.

16 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-295 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 295. (a) "Provider",

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for purposes of IC 16-21-8, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-21-8-0.6.

~~(a)~~ (b) "Provider", for purposes of IC 16-38-5, IC 16-39 (except for IC 16-39-7) and IC 16-41-1 through IC 16-41-9 and IC 16-41-37, means any of the following:

(1) An individual (other than an individual who is an employee or a contractor of a hospital, a facility, or an agency described in subdivision (2) or (3)) who is licensed, registered, or certified as a health care professional, including the following:

- (A) A physician.
- (B) A psychotherapist.
- (C) A dentist.
- (D) A registered nurse.
- (E) A licensed practical nurse.
- (F) An optometrist.
- (G) A podiatrist.
- (H) A chiropractor.
- (I) A physical therapist.
- (J) A psychologist.
- (K) An audiologist.
- (L) A speech-language pathologist.
- (M) A dietitian.
- (N) An occupational therapist.
- (O) A respiratory therapist.
- (P) A pharmacist.

(2) A hospital or facility licensed under IC 16-21-2 or IC 12-25 or described in IC 12-24-1 or IC 12-29.

(3) A health facility licensed under IC 16-28-2.

(4) A home health agency licensed under IC 16-27-1.

(5) An employer of a certified emergency medical technician, a certified emergency medical technician-basic advanced, a certified emergency medical technician-intermediate, or a certified paramedic.

(6) The state department or a local health department or an employee, agent, designee, or contractor of the state department or local health department.

~~(b)~~ (c) "Provider", for purposes of IC 16-39-7-1, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-39-7-1(a).

SECTION 3. IC 16-21-8-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 0.5. "Division", for purposes of this chapter, refers to the victim services division of the Indiana criminal justice institute**

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established by IC 5-2-6-8(a).

SECTION 4. IC 16-21-8-0.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 0.6. "Provider", for purposes of this chapter, means a hospital or licensed medical service provider that provides emergency services to an alleged sex crime victim.**

SECTION 5. IC 16-21-8-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 5. (a) The ~~victim services division of the Indiana criminal justice institute~~ may not award compensation or reimbursement under this chapter unless the following conditions are met:

(1) If the victim or claimant is at least eighteen (18) years of age:

~~(1)~~ (A) the sex crime ~~was~~ **must be** reported to a law enforcement officer within ~~forty-eight (48)~~ **ninety-six (96)** hours after the crime's occurrence; **and**

~~(2)~~ (B) the victim or claimant ~~has cooperated fully~~ **must cooperate to the fullest extent possible** with law enforcement personnel to solve the crime.

(2) If the victim or claimant is less than eighteen (18) years of age, a report must be made to child protective services or a law enforcement officer. There is no time limit for a report made under this subdivision.

(b) If the ~~victim services division of the Indiana criminal justice institute~~ finds a compelling reason for failure to report to or cooperate with law enforcement officials and justice requires, the ~~victim services division of the Indiana criminal justice institute~~ may suspend the requirements of this section.

SECTION 6. IC 16-21-8-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 6. (a) When a ~~hospital or licensed medical service~~ provider provides emergency services under this chapter to an alleged sex crime victim, the ~~hospital or medical service~~ provider shall furnish the services without charge.

(b) The ~~victim services division of the Indiana criminal justice institute~~ shall reimburse a ~~hospital or licensed medical service~~ provider for the ~~hospital's or medical service provider's costs in providing the services a:~~

(1) hospital; or

(2) medical service provider;

for the cost for providing services and shall adopt rules and procedures to provide for reimbursement, prompt appeals, and prompt action on suspensions of claims.

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(c) The application for reimbursement must be filed not more than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date the service was provided.

(d) The division shall approve, deny, or suspend each claim submitted by a provider for payment under this chapter not more than one hundred and twenty (120) days after a claim is filed electronically or on paper and is received by the division.

(e) If the division denies a claim for payment, the division shall notify the provider of the reason the claim was denied.

(f) If the division suspends a provider's claim for payment under this chapter, the division shall notify the provider of the reason the claim was suspended.

~~(c)~~ **(g) A hospital provider** may not charge the victim for services required under this chapter, despite delays in reimbursement from the victim services division. ~~of the Indiana criminal justice institute.~~
However, if a claim is denied by the division, a provider may bill the victim's medical insurer.

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